

Decatur County Commissioners
January 7, 2013 – 8:00 a.m.

Present: Rick Nobbe, Jerome Buening, John Richards

No claims were presented for payment.

The minutes were approved with the exception of changing one word from “wreck” to “crash” at the request of Commissioner John Richards.

Commissioner Nobbe agreed to be reappointed to be the representative on the SIRPC board.

Mark Mohr, Decatur County Highway Superintendent reported that **Enterprise** has moved in timber clearing crews in the southern part of the county. All permits are in place and Mr. Mohr reported that the Highway Department will continue to monitor the company’s progress. Mr. Nobbe mentioned a Pipeline Safety Awareness program that he would like to see a couple of county representatives attend. He is planning on giving the brochure to EMA Director Rob Duckworth. Mr. Mohr reported that the recent snow activity went relatively well and that the holiday timing helped. The final inspection report has been received and B19 has been recommended for acceptance. The acceptance requires two signatures. The Commissioners signed the document after asking if there were any questions or any remaining work to be done on the project. It was noted that the supplemental funding request for this project was rejected and that Commissioner Buening is working with the engineers to find a mutually satisfying remedy for the issue.

Mr. Mohr also reminded Commissioners that “Requests for Proposals” on the bridge inspection have been scored and he is working on that and will be supplying the information to INDOT. Also, the sign ordinance has had an extensive amount of review by Mr. Mohr and by one of his staff. The old document has been put into a spreadsheet which should make future review much easier. Mr. Mohr will send the document electronically to County Attorney Peg Polanski for her review.

Mr. Tom Deniston appeared before the board to request closure of a portion of a street in Sardinia. Formerly called Maple Street, the unused and partly farmed road is surrounded by property already owned by Mr. Deniston. He has also met with Area Plan to discuss vacating the lots. There will need to be a petition filed to close the street. Notification won’t need to be made since Mr. Deniston owns all adjacent properties. The Auditor’s office has a “fill in the blank” form available.

Mr. Ron May, AECON Engineering gave an update on his efforts towards getting the county compliant with **ADA recommendations** and requirements. Mr. May discussed a Local Planning Agency Pre-award Certificate that INDOT needs filled out online and submitted. There is a Civil Rights Act Questionnaire and it was agreed that certain portions of the Public Access portion will need to be reviewed by the Commissioners and County Attorney prior to submission. Basically, this information needs to be completed in order for the county to receive future federal highway funds. Mr. Nobbe gave the document to County Attorney Peg Polanski for her review.

Mr. Nobbe announced that **Veteran Service Officer Harold Sample** had agreed to take on being the **ADA Coordinator** for at least the next year. After some discussion and review, Mr. Buening moved to appoint Mr. Harold Sample as ADA Coordinator. Mr. Richards seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. May submitted “**Notice Under the Americans With Disabilities Act**” and “**ADA Grievance**

Procedure” forms for the commissioners to review. After review, Mr. Richards moved to adopt the documents as part of the county’s ongoing ADA Compliance effort. Mr. Buening seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. May stated that once the documents are adopted, it is necessary to publish the documents. Mr. May presented several options but the county opted to physically post in every county building and to place on the county website. Tami said the Auditor’s office will take care of the physical posting of the documents. Publication must take place periodically so it will be on the calendar mid-year to post again.

Mr. May gave a brief summary of what properties he has visited and where he has left to go.

Mr. Clair Frederickson reported that 2 directors on the Lake Santee Regional Waste and Water board have terms expiring but that both have agreed to be reappointed for a four year term. He also reported that Kathleen Tarzwell would accept appointment to fulfill the remainder of Pete Zillick’s term which would end in 2015. Mr. Buening moved to reappoint Paul Gosnell and Bill Mcvay to the Lake Santee Regional Waste & Water Board and to appoint Ms. Tarzwell to fulfill the term of Mr. Pete Zillick. Mr. Richards seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Richards moved to reappoint Rev. Jerran Jackson to the Decatur County Hospital Association Building Authority. Mr. Buening seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Buening moved to reappoint Dr. Hank Martin to the Decatur County Animal Control Board. Mr. Richards seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Richards moved to reappoint Al Knecht to the Alcoholic Beverage Commission for another 1 year term. Mr. Buening seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Richards moved to appoint Andrea Dennett to another 4 year term on the Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals. Mr. Buening seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Buening moved to appoint Brenda Dwenger to another year on the EDC. Mr. Richards seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Richards indicated he would be willing to serve another year on the Fair Board. Mr. Buening moved to reappoint Mr. Richards, and with Mr. Nobbe’s second, the motion carried.

Mr. Buening stated that he appreciated the work that his fellow commissioner had done as President of the Commissioners during the last calendar year and would like to nominate Mr. Rick Nobbe to serve a second year as President. Mr. Richards seconded the nomination and Mr. Nobbe accepted the nomination. The motion carried.

Mr. Nobbe asked if anyone was working on the form 100R. Tami informed him that her office was aware of it and would get it taken care of.

There was some discussion of TIF revenues.

Mr. Buening mentioned that he appreciated the cooperation of the multiple entities that worked together on the recent snow emergency and that he felt the conference calls were handled well.

There was some discussion of Nixle. Tami requested notice of any decisions made during emergencies by the commissioners so that she could convey information to each of the

department heads and they in turn could contact their individual staff members.

Mayor Gary Herbert discussed a water line east of the fairgrounds that he would like to find a way to get taken care of sooner than originally planned.

Mr. Nobbe pointed out that there will need to be some collusion on putting together potential EDIT projects.

Mark Coplon, Economic Development Director discussed the potential benefits of adding money to the revolving loan fund. He reported there are five loans out now and a new company that might be considering a loan. He talked about ECS Fasteners locating in Westport and is hearing good reports from the automotive industry.

Mr. Nobbe pointed out the need to remind businesses that the revolving loan fund is to help small businesses but it isn't supposed to be perpetual funding. As far as the revolving loan fund, Mr. Nobbe suggested that whatever the city decides to do, the commissioners will revisit the issue and see what they'll do in addition to the city's donation.

Mayor Herbert reported that Valeo is requesting more abatement. He also announced that an electronic sign will be going up next to the reservoir to advertise the city and the county.

County Attorney Peg Polanski spoke with the Commissioners concerning codifying the county ordinances as required by state law. Ms. Polanski presented information from the company she feels is most qualified to do the project. The overall project would include organizing the existing ordinances into an easily searchable format, binding them in a book and also producing a searchable electronic version that could be put on the county website. There was discussion about how much time and effort is spent trying to locate the most recent ordinances and the fear that some ordinances may be overlooked in the search. Mr. Nobbe volunteered to discuss the project with the County Council.

Mr. Richards moved to recess the meeting. Mr. Buening seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next scheduled meeting will be on a Tuesday due to a holiday. Meeting will be on Tuesday, January 22nd at 8:00 a.m.

Rick Nobbe, President

Attest: _____
Date: _____